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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 27, 2001, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 30, delete lines 1 through 10 and insert the following therefor:

-->Figure 7 (SEQ ID NO:2) shows the amino acid sequence of human hepatocyte

growth factor from the Swiss Prot database accession no. P14210. Nucleotide sequences encoding HGF or information relating to such sequences are given in Seki et al (1991) *Gene* **102**, 213-219; Miyazawaka et al (1989) *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.* **163**, 967-973; Seki et al (1990) *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.* **172**, 321-327; Nakamura et al (1989) *Nature* **342**, 440-443; Weidner et al (1991) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **88**, 7001-7005; Yushiyama et al (1991) *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.* **175**, 660-

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